GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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QUACKERY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the unabated flourishing of quackery in the country despite various measures taken by the Government;

(b) whether any study has been made recently to assess the problem of growing quackery;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures contemplated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c): Health is a State subject and State Governments and Medical Councils who grant registration to practitioners take action where called for. Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that raids have been conducted in 283 cases and 63 cases have been referred to various police stations for taking action. However, no study has been conducted on a country-wide basis about the prevalence of quackery.

(d) Government have initiated steps to formulate a model legislative proposal for prohibition of unauthorized institutions awarding medical degrees and medical practice by unqualified persons.